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ELEVENTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a. Copies of the listed documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are also enclosed.

REMARKS

The following documents were cited in an April 1, 2010 European Search Report (copy provided) in a foreign counterpart application (European Patent Appln. No. 10152653.1) corresponding to the subject application:

- (1) EP 0 441 350 A2;
- (2) US 5,025,268;
- (3) JP-A 06-222296 (and US 5,432,535);
- (4) EP 0 559 423 A1;

(5) Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 018, No. 670 (P-1845), December 16, 1994 (JP-A 6-265807, September 22, 1994) and JP-A 6-265807; and

(6) Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 018, No. 241 (P-1733), May 9, 1994 (JP-A 6-27404, February 4, 1994) and JP-A 6-27404.

Documents (1) and (4) through (6) were cited in the September 16, 1996 and September 26, 2005 Information Disclosure Statements. Document (2) was cited in the June 2, 2008 Notice of Allowability.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

FORMAL MATTERS

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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